

REMARKS

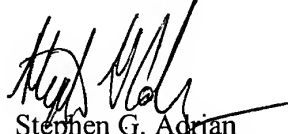
Claims 5-15 are pending. Claims 1-4 are canceled and new claims 14 and 15 are added. The above amendments have been made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP



Stephen G. Adrian
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 32,878

SGA/arf

Atty. Docket No. **990668A**
Suite 1000
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-2930



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE